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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Soviet Troops from Fuerstenwalde Moved into the Lieberose Area for Field Exercises

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1. The barracks on Frankfurterstrasse, Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33), were not occupied between 14 and 16 July 1950. Guard personnel wore epaulets with tank insignia.
2. The barracks in Fuerstenwalde, on the road to Braunsdorf, were only lightly occupied between 14 and 16 July 1950. During the time of observation, 24 soldiers carrying bathing suits arrived from the laundry and entered the installation. 25X1X

3. The barracks in Fuerstenwalde, on the road to Rauen, were not occupied between 14 and 16 July 1950. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets. *

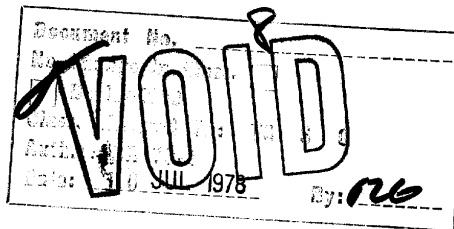
4. It was learned on 20 July 1950 that only guard personnel remained in the barracks in Fuerstenwalde. All units of the military post, totaling about 10,000 men and consisting primarily of tank and artillery units, had moved to the Lieberose area about two weeks previously. Ration supplies and ammunition from the depots were shipped to the units by requisitioned German trucks. **

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 * Comment. The information confirms reports in early May 1950 by the same source. See [REDACTED]

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 ** Comment. Source corroborated the belief that component units of the 7th Gds Mecz Div moved from Fuerstenwalde to Lieberose. The statement that the units had moved only in early July 1950 is doubted. See [REDACTED] Shipments from Fuerstenwalde toward Cottbus had already been observed in late April 1950. See [REDACTED]

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